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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on December, 29, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

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REMARKS

In the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner maintains that Appellants do not clearly define the term "media gateway". In particular, the Examiner asserts that Appellants' U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/759,108 ('108 application) does not provide a further description of the media gateway (Examiner's Answer, p. 7). The Examiner may have misunderstood the reference cited by Appellants. In Appellants' Brief, Appellant cited a reference to the present application to demonstrate that the '108 application was incorporated by reference. However, it appears the Examiner understood this reference to be a reference in the '108 application (Examiner's Answer, p.7).

Nevertheless, the '108 application describes in depth the general design ('108 specification, Figures 9-10, Paragraphs 0182-0187), architecture ('108 specification, Paragraphs 0191-0193), operation ('108 specification, Paragraphs 0194-0198), and components ('108 specification, Figures 11A-C, Paragraphs 0199-0237) of the media gateway (also referred to as the "media spooler" in the '108 specification). In particular, the media gateway tracks the number of media transferred, number of files transferred, data call start/end time, and user involved in the media upload ('108 specification, paragraphs 0204-0210). Thus, Appellants respectfully submit that Appellants have disclosed in the '108 application as well as in the present application a detailed definition of the media gateway.

Thus, Appellants respectfully request that Appellants' definition of "media gateway" be used when interpreting Appellants' claims 1-43.

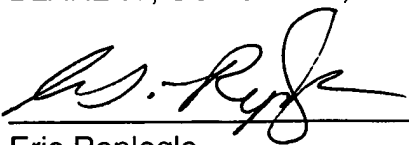
If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Eric Replogle at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges/credits, please charge/credit our deposit account no. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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